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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES REGION 24 (MISSOURI) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES TO HOLD 700 MHZ REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING AND 800 MHZ NPSPAC REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING MEETINGS

The Region 24 (Missouri) Public Safety Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive planning meetings on Monday, August 31, 2009. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the 700 MHz Public Safety RPC will convene at the Missouri State Highway Patrol General Headquarters, Second Floor Conference Room, 1510 East Elm, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The agenda for the 700 MHz meeting includes:

- Welcome
- Old Business
 - Approval of the September 23, 2008 Meeting, and May 4, 2009 700 MHz Workshop minutes.
- New Business
 - Discussion of former Chair Steve Makky's departure from Missouri public safety and filling the 700 MHz RPC Chair vacancy.
 - o Review of the November 2008 approval of Region 24's 700 MHz plan modification; application filing window will remain open to receive applications.
 - Discussion of the Independence, Missouri 700 MHz trunked system (Call Sign WQEQ501).
 - o Further update on 700 MHz low power analog discussion.
 - o Discussion of the pending Region 24 700 MHz applications.
 - o Discussion of other pending 700 MHz issues within the Region 24 and nationally.
 - o Election of new Chair.
 - o Adjournment

Immediately following the 700 MHz Public Safety RPC meeting, the 800 MHz Public Safety RPC will convene at the same location. The agenda for the 800 MHz meeting includes:

- Welcome
- Old Business Approval of January 13, 2009 Meeting minutes.
- New Business
 - o Status discussion on 800 MHz rebanding progress in Region 24.
 - Discussion of the acquisition process, and ongoing availability of 800 MHz former
 Nextel channels between 854-860 MHz for public safety and critical infrastructure use.

- Discussion of the ongoing Region 24 800 MHz channel re pack, and the now pending 800 MHz plan modification, which includes additional 800 MHz channel allotments made available for St. Charles, St. Louis, Jefferson and Franklin counties.
- Adjournment

Both Region 24 Public Safety RPCs' meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 24 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 24 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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